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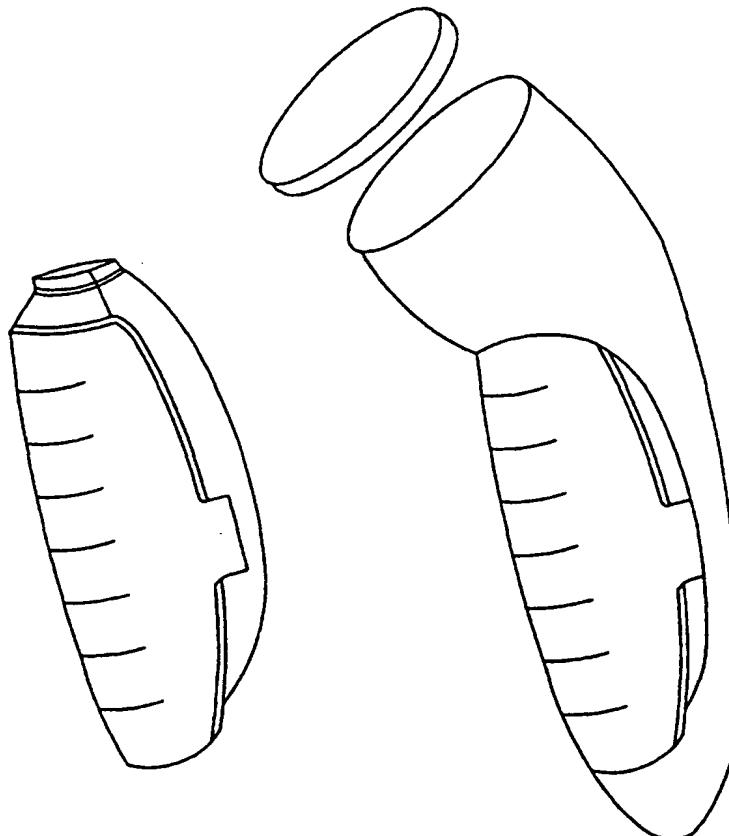
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(54) Title: ULTRASONIC CLEANING DEVICE

(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a hand held ultrasonic cleaning device comprising a housing, said housing comprising a gripping means; a cleaning head adapted to rest on and be moved over surface to be cleaned, wherein said cleaning head is adapted to be removably mounted to said housing and the minimum surface area of said cleaning head to rest on said surface is greater than 6.25 cm squared; A transducer means mounted in said housing for oscillating said cleaning head at an ultrasonic frequency; and a power for supplying direct current to said transducer means, wherein said power supply means is associated with said device. Further disclosed is a method of removing tough food soil from a hard surface comprising the steps of: (i) contacting said soil with a cleaning composition; (ii) contacting said soil with said cleaning head of said ultrasonic cleaning device; (iii) rinsing said hard surface with an aqueous solution. Further the invention relates to an ultrasonic cleaning product comprising: (a) a cleaning composition comprising a cleaning agent; and (b) the hand held ultrasonic cleaning device.



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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
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Applicant THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).)*):

Description, pages:

1-74 as originally filed

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1-32 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:

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the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)): *(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

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C_ertain observations on th_ int_rnational applicati_n

1) Independent claims 1,10,26,27,31,32

Although these claims have been drafted as separate independent apparatus claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought and/or in respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness. Moreover, lack of clarity of the claims as a whole arises, since the plurality of independent claims makes it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, and places an undue burden on others seeking to establish the extent of the protection.

Hence, these claims do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.